

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

: ZOU, Jitao et al.

Serial No.

.

Filed

Title

: TRANSGENIC MANIPULATION OF SN-GLYCEROL-3-PHOSPHATE AND GLYCEROL PRODUCTION WITH A

FEEDBACK DEFECTIVE GLYCEROL-3-PHOSPHATE

DEHYDROGENASE GENE

Art Unit

KIRBY EADES GALE BAKER

Box 3432, Station D Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6N9

CANADA

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents And Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

As a Preliminary Amendment, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Between lines 1 and 2 of page 1 insert the following wording.

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the priority right of provisional application Serial No.

60/155,133 filed September 22, 1999 by applicants herein.

REMARKS

The reason for this amendment is to include a cross-reference to a related application.

Respectfully submitted, Limberley A. La chaine

Kimberley A. Lachaine Reg. No. 33,319 Our File No. 45419 March 20, 2002